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25X1 3. [] a representative of the GDS carried out an inspection tour of the shipyards at Wolgast, Rostock, Wismar, and Stralsund, with a view to establishing what work these yards could undertake in the event that the vessels purchased needed refitting. From this tour it was established that both Wismar and Rostock could undertake additional repairs if necessary, but that Wolgast is at present overburdened and unable to accept further work.

Coastal Traffic Conference

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This traffic is to be undertaken with towed lighters. The main topic of discussion was the navigation of the river Peene and the Greifswalder Bodden, via which craft will pass into the Stettiner Haff and thence to Poland.

5. The conference was attended inter alia by the following:
 - a. The senior official of the main Office of the Wasserstrassenamt;
 - b. The senior official of the Stralsund office of the Wasserstrassenamt;
 - c. A representative of the Seehydrographischer Dienst;
 - d. A representative of the Pilot Office (Lotsenamt).
6. It was generally agreed that the present existing facilities for signal lights in the Greifswalder Bodden were insufficient for the satisfactory navigation of such traffic.
7. The representative of the SHD was informed that an urgent requirement exists for the erecting of transit lights between Stahlbrode and the island of Ruden. He was furthermore informed that the lighthouse at Freesendorferhafen Nord must be made more powerful in order to prevent craft running aground on the adjacent shallows.
8. Additional mention was made of the fact that, up to the present date, all charts and navigational publications concerned with the passage along the river Peene, were as yet held by the SHD as secret material, and were not available for general use. These, and similar navigational aids, would, however, have to be issued to the skippers of tugs and other craft if they were to make regular use of the river route.
9. If financial allocations were forthcoming, it was estimated that the improvement of the navigational markings mentioned above, could be carried out within eight weeks.

Miscellaneous Shipping Arrivals

10. a. Three Russian lighters arrived in Wolgast during the month of February, and made fast in the vicinity of the Seepolizei Central Store Depot there. Details of the cargo could not be established, but it is locally believed that the craft brought weapons and possibly mines. The first of the lighters arrived [redacted] while the two others arrived [redacted]
- b. [redacted] two Russian freighters arrived in Wismar during the month of February (exact dates unknown). The Russian vessels were of about 2,500 GRT and unloaded food stocks. After reloading with machinery and bulk cargo, the craft departed.
- c. [redacted] two Russian freighters arrived in Rostock on an unspecified date in February. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] the Russian ships arrived with fodder and departed with bulk cargo.
- d. [redacted] 25X1

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